

CITY COUNCIL REPORT



Meeting Date: March 1, 2022
General Plan Element: *Provide for the orderly administration of the affairs of the City*
General Plan Goal: *Appoint an Acting Presiding City Judge*

ACTION

Appoint an Acting Presiding City Judge. Adopt Resolution No. 12419, appointing Judge James G. Blake as Acting Presiding City Judge for the Scottsdale Municipal Court following Presiding City Judge Joseph Olcavage's retirement on March 4, 2022 and until the beginning of Judge Marianne T. Bayardi's term as Presiding City Judge on March 21, 2022.

Background

Judge Joseph Olcavage has served as the Presiding City Judge of the Scottsdale Municipal Court since 2012. After a total of over 40 years of dedicated service to the City of Scottsdale, Judge Olcavage has decided to conclude his current term. Judge Olcavage's current contract and term expires in early March and his last day with the City will be on March 3, 2022.

After a lengthy search, the City Council has appointed Judge Marianne Bayardi to the position of Presiding City Judge, effective March 21, 2022.

The City requires an Acting Presiding City Judge during this interim period of March 4 through March 20, 2022. Judge Olcavage has recommended Judge James G. Blake. Judge Blake is currently serving as a well tenured Associate City Judge for the Scottsdale Municipal Court. Judge Blake has agreed to serve in an Acting capacity prior to Judge Bayardi's term beginning as Presiding City Judge.

ANALYSIS & ASSESSMENT

Recent Staff Action

Judge Olcavage recommended Judge James G. Blake to serve as the Acting Presiding City Judge during the interim between his retirement and Judge Bayardi's term.

Policy Implications

The City Charter requires the City to have a Presiding City Judge in some capacity.

Significant Issues to be Addressed

None.

Community Involvement

No community involvement is necessary regarding this matter at this time.

RESOURCE IMPACTS

Available funding

Judge Blake will be given a temporary salary upgrade of 5% for the extra work required during this time period. These funds are already available in the City Court's personnel budget.

Future Budget Implications

Not applicable

Cost Recovery Options

None.

OPTIONS & STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Recommended Approach

Adopt Resolution No. 12419, appointing Judge James G. Blake as Acting Presiding City Judge for the Scottsdale Municipal Court to be effective March 4, 2022 through March 20, 2022.

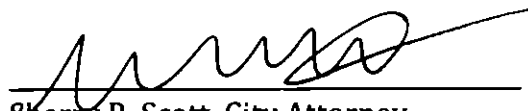
RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT(S)

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2-17-22
Date

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution No. 12419

RESOLUTION NO. 12419

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA APPOINTING JUDGE JAMES G. BLAKE AS ACTING PRESIDING CITY JUDGE FOR THE SCOTTSDALE MUNICIPAL COURT TO BE EFFECTIVE MARCH 4, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 20, 2022.

WHEREAS, Presiding Judge of the Scottsdale Municipal Court Joseph Olcavage is retiring on March 4, 2022 with his last day as the City's Presiding Judge being on March 3, 2022;

WHEREAS, the Scottsdale City Charter requires a Presiding City Judge;

WHEREAS, Judge James G. Blake has been an Associate City Judge with the City of Scottsdale for many years; and

WHEREAS, until Marianne T. Bayardi assumes her term as Presiding City Judge on March 21, 2022, Judge Olcavage recommends appointing Judge James G. Blake as Acting Presiding City Judge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Scottsdale, Maricopa County, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1. Judge James G. Blake is hereby appointed Acting Presiding City Judge, effective March 4, 2022 through March 20, 2022.

Section 2. Judge Blake will receive a temporary 5% salary upgrade during this time period.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Scottsdale, Maricopa County, Arizona this ____ day of _____, 2022.

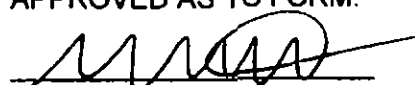
CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, an Arizona
municipal corporation

ATTEST:

Ben Lane, City Clerk

David D. Ortega, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Sherry R. Scott, City Attorney